

SENATE BILL 2609

By Stewart

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 287 in Warren County in honor of the late Arthur L. Lorance, former Mayor of Centertown.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Arthur L. Lorance, former Mayor of Centertown and one of its finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Lorance, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Lorance served as Mayor of Centertown from 1987 until his passing in 2008 at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1936 and continuing until his election as Mayor of Centertown, Arthur L. Lorance served his fellow citizens of Warren County in various capacities, including Chief Deputy Sheriff, District 11 Road Commissioner, member of the Warren County School Board and Warren County Planning Commission, and Justice of the Peace; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lorance exhibited a sincere love for his community not only through his distinguished record of public service, but also through his participation in numerous civic and church activities; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary leader and a man of high moral standards, and he possessed a wealth of knowledge about his community and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lorange was a longtime resident of Jacksboro Road in Warren County and was highly respected by his friends, neighbors, and constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain segment of State Route 287 (Jacksboro Road) to honor Mr. Lorange's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this body concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 287 (Jacksboro Road) in Warren County from such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 70S to the southern corporate limits of Centertown, such segment being six-tenths (.6) of one (1) mile in length, is hereby designated "Arthur Lorange Road" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 287 described in Section 1 as "Arthur Lorange Road".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Warren County within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any

expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Warren County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department by Warren County within thirty (30) days of the county receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Arthur Lorange Road" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.